

### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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A METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING

**REAL TIME SPORTS BETTING** 

**INFORMATION** 

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### **DECLARATION UNDER RULES 132 AND 116(b)**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

#### Dana Corbo declares:

- 1. I am the inventor of the above patent application.
- I invented both the present invention and the prior art system, Don Best I.
- 3. Don Best I was first published in 1991. (Exhibit 1)
- The present invention was first published in August of 2000 under the name DBS2K.
   (Exhibit 1).
- 5. The differences between Don Best I and the present invention are as follows:
  - a) The prior art system was in a Java format.

- b) The original prior art system was a direct dial-up connection to Don Best's network and server.
- c) The Java format would not permit information to be downloaded and saved on a user's computer.
- d) The Java system did not have a bet tracker, line seeker alert or the major line move alert. (Exhibit 2).
- e) The present invention uses C++ format.
- f) The present invention allows information to be downloaded on a user's computer.
- g) The present invention has a bet tracker, line seeker alert and the major line move alert. (Exhibit 2).
- h) The present invention allows a user to customize a program, so that an alert will be given when a predetermined occurrence takes place.
- i) The above alcrts are in the form of e-mails, cell phone messages and/or audio and visual alerts on the user's computer.
- j) These alert features have been significant in the commercial success of the present invention.

6. The undersigned declares that all the statements made herein are of his own knowledge and are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that the willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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Scores

Free IE vs. IE Platinum vs. Premium Service - Java Version vs. DBS2k

(Click on the Service Type at the top to see all the features available on it.)

•	Premium Service	ı Service	Island Express	xpress
	DBS2K	Java	Platinum	Free
Live Odds	Real-Time	Real-Time	Every 2 minutes	Every 5 minutes
Live Scores	Real-Time	Real-Time	Every 2 minutes	Every 5 minutes
Sports Books	Vegas and Offshore	Vegas and Offshore	Vegas and Offshore	Vegas and Offshore
Line Seeker	Available	N/A	N/A	N/A
Line Move Alerts	Available	N/A	N/A	N/A
Bet Tracker	Available	N/A	N/A	N/A
Zoom Options	Multiple Options	One Option	One Option	N/A
Scroll Feature	Game-by-Game or Auto-Scroll feature	Page-by-Page	Page-by-Page	Page-by-Page
Custom Lines	3 columns	N/A	N/A	N/A
Matchups	Game-by-Game	Full Schedule	Full Schedule	N/A
Injuries	Game-by-Game Real-Time	Game-by-Game Real-Time	Game-by-Game Every 2 minutes	General Info



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Don Best Sports -- Sports Odds, Free Sports Picks, Sports Betting, Sports Handicapping

Free Island Express

Free Pick

TOOLS

Free Schedule

Closing Lines

Ϋ́Z	A/A	A/A	A/A	Free Pick	A/A	N/A	A/A	A/A	A/N	None	Email Only	Free
Every 2 minutes	Every 2 minutes	Every 2 minutes	Every 2 minutes	Delayed	Most Info	Available, without customization	Every 2 minutes	٧Z	N/A	up to 10	Telephone and Email	\$99/month
Real-Time	Real-Time	Real-Time	Real-Time	Real-Time	All Info	Fully Customizable	Real-Time	Available	N/A	up to 50	Telephone and Email	\$500/month (discounts available)
Real-Time	Real-Time	Real-Time	Real-Time	Real-Time	All Info	Fully Customizable	Real-Time	Available	3 columns	up to 50	Telephone and Email	\$500/month (discounts available)
Weather	Line History	Lineups	Umpires	Picks/Plays	Misc.	Print	TV Stations	Custom Page	Custom Lines	Schedule	<b>Technical Support</b>	Pricing

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\*HTML version on Platinum Island Express is available for WebTV Users and PC Users with slow connections

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service that transmitted sports odds - was appealing to local gamblers and sports services in Las Vegas. Line services and bettors alike saw an opportunity to cut costs by eliminating Don Best Sports (DBS) was formed in 1991. The company's concept -- a computerized runners who phoned in changes as they occurred in local sports books. The very first version of DBS featured odds from the Stardust, the Mirage and the Riviera Hotel sports books. Early subscribers were required to call in on a modem and retrieve the latest information. To receive another set of changes, customers had to dial up again and recognize which betting lines had moved since their last call. Little else was offered at that In 1992, a new era in the sports betting industry unfolded. That was when Albert Corbo acquired the company from Don Bessette. Corbo, a gambler all his life, took a big chance by purchasing a company with a mere 35 subscribers.

transmitting live line updates. No longer was it necessary to call in on a modem. And Corbo envisioned endless possibilities. One of the very first ideas he implemented was shortly thereafter, scoring updates, injury reports, time changes and more sports books were added to the system.



## DON BEST TICKER

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The idea was ingenious. Corbo added the first offshore sports book. Corbo knew he was But it was not until the following year that Corbo dreamed up his most significant concept. taking a risk. But after all, taking risks was part of his nature.

advertising was done. Corbo believed the DBS product spoke for itself. He was never spent much on marketing. Word of mouth was the only advertising DBS needed, and the The immediate success of Corbo's new system was amazing, considering very little business quickly boomed. Corbo's creativity and ambition paid enormous dividends.

technology eliminated the long distance telephone charges that out-of-state subscribers New methods of transmitting information were implemented in the mid-90s as satellite previously incurred. And in April, 1997, the DBS service was available via Internet. Corbo was diagnosed with Cancer just four months later and died in October of the same year. Since his death, Al's son, Dana Corbo, has run the company. A practicing attorney in Miami for 10 years, Dana Corbo first came to Las Vegas in 1996. DBS launched two new products in 1999. In January, Island Express was released. Only \$99 per month, IE featured prices from five offshore sports books – as well as the Stardust. By year's end, 17 offshore sports books were transmitting their odds onto the product.

international Rotation. The Don Best Schedule releases six football, eight basketball and five baseball installments each year. More than 550,000 copies of each gridiron issue were In April, 1999, DBS began publishing what now universally is recognized as the official printed for the 2000 season.

of the company. DBS' presence on the World Wide Web now represents the chance for gaming enthusiasts to access IE (with odds from 25 sports books) at no cost. IE also offers game DBS brought even more diversity to the industry in 2000. A re-designed Web site, sports beeper and new version of the DBS premium service, DBS 2K, show the continuing growth wo-minute updates on injuries, weather, time changes, wise-guy plays and selections Currently, there are almost 30 sports books on the DBS system. Serious sports bettors know that information cannot be obtained any faster than from DBS. Whether it is line movement on a steam game or late-breaking news on a key injury, DBS always has the information first. The DBS staff is knowledgeable and always maintains an edge over its competition.

As its name implies, Don Best Sports simply is the best. To find out more information about DBS, call 1-800-DON-BEST.



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